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Chairman Charlie R. Hoppin
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Dear Chairman Hoppin,

The "once-through cooling" or OTC used by the California coast power plants kills a great deal of aquatic life, including the endangered Chinook salmon, turtles, and marine mammals which get trapped by the force of the rushing water and die on the intake screens. Since there now exists new technologies less harmful to the marine life of the California coast the State Water Board should adopt them and phase out once-through cooling systems. The OTC policy needs to be strengthened significantly. It should insure that the state's power plants adopt the "best technology available" as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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